

Timely Tidbits ...**Citywide Yard Sale**

Romulus residents are invited to take part in the annual Citywide Yard Sale, set for Thursday, May 20, through Sunday, May 23. (If two or more of the sale dates are "rained out," the event will be rescheduled for June 3–6.)

To register for a free sale permit – and have your address included in free newspaper ads for the event – visit the Recreation Department (located in the Romulus Athletic Center, 35765 Northline Road) by Wednesday, April 28.

Residents registering after the deadline will receive a free permit, but may not be included in any advertisements.

Call 734-941-8665 for info.

Census Form Help

Taylor residents in need of assistance with the Census form can visit one of four Questionnaire Assistance Centers in the city. A Census worker will be available to answer questions and help complete the form.

QACs will be available through April 10 at the following locations:

- William Ford Senior Activity Center (6750 Troy Street) – Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Taylor Recreation Center (22805 Goddard Road) – Wednesdays from 5 to 8 p.m., Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sundays, from noon to 5 p.m.
- Department of Public Works (25605 Northline Road) – weekdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- City Hall (23555 Goddard Road) – weekdays from 1 to 4 p.m.

Forms are due April 1, 2010.

Bowl-a-Thon Benefit

A 9-Pin No-Tap Tournament to benefit the Friends of the New Romulus Animal Shelter Fund will be held at Romulus Lanes (37452 Huron River Drive) on Friday, May 14, at 7:30 p.m. The sixth annual event – dedicated to the memory of Frank Ayers – will feature mystery games, cash prizes, snacks, and a 50/50 raffle.

Donation is \$25 per person. Call Romulus Lanes (734-941-6200), City Councilman Bill Wadsworth (941-0616), or Joe Ozog (941-3466).

Congressman Dingell Given Place of Honor for President's Signing of Health Reform Legislation



Congressman John D. Dingell (seated at right) was proud to be at President Barack Obama's side as he signed the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act into law on March 23. Official White House Photo by Pete Souza; used with permission

The longest-serving Congressman in our nation's history and a career champion of health-care reform was given the seat of honor next to President Barack Obama when he signed the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act into law on March 23. The signing was a personal and professional victory for John D. Dingell (D-MI15), who had introduced national health insurance legislation every year since 1955, when he first filled the seat vacated by the death of his father (also named John).

After the signing, the Congressman was clearly elated.

"It was my great honor to sit alongside President Obama as he signed the first truly transformative piece of social reform legislation in the 21st century," said Dingell. "I am convinced our nation is a healthier one today as we are now on a path to bring health insurance to 32 million Americans who currently don't have it."

"Health care is no longer a privilege, it is now a right," he continued. "Our forefa-

thers embraced the idea of America as a 'beacon' of freedom and liberty. The increasing lack of affordable and accessible health care had cast a very dark shadow over millions of Americans.

"This is the dawn of a new day, one in which the quality of life in America – which my father, Ted Kennedy, and so many others tried to improve over decades – just got a whole lot better."

Dingell's 15th District includes the cities of Romulus and Taylor. □

Easter Programs Feature Egg Hunts, Treats, Photos with Bunny

Romulus

The Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation will host its annual Easter Eggs'travaganza at Senior Citizens Park (36525 Bibbins Street, behind the Romulus Senior Center) on Saturday, April 3 – rain, snow, or shine. The event begins promptly at noon; be sure to arrive early so you don't miss the fun! Parking will be available at the Center and on Olive Street. Report to the patio behind the Center.

Egg hunts will be divided into four age groups: 3 years and under, 4 to 5 years, 6 to 7 years, and 8 to 10 years.

Children must bring their own basket/bag to hold their eggs. Some eggs will contain tickets, redeemable for special prizes.

No preregistration is required for this free event. Photos with the Easter Bunny will be \$2 each.

For information, call 734-941-8665.

Taylor

Rosecrans Picture Perfect Photography will host an Easter program at noon on Saturday, April 3, at the studio in Heritage Park (12450 Pardee Road).

Besides participating in an egg hunt, children age 10 and under will receive an

Easter basket, a bag of candy, a chocolate bunny, and access to an Easter egg decorating station. Many prizes and baskets will be raffled after the hunt.

Tickets (\$10 each; cash only) must be purchased in advance. Only a limited number will be sold. There will be no refunds.

The Easter Bunny and live rabbits will pose for photos with children. Professional 5"x7" photos in folders will be offered for \$15 each; packages including 8"x10"s, 5"x7"s, and wallet photos will be available, as well. Cash/credit cards will be accepted.

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Letter to the Editor

"Soul Food" Organizer Thanks Supporters

To the Editor:

First of all, I would like to say "Thank You!" to the Romulus community for all of your love, support, and *everything* that you gave (i.e., food, time, service) to our annual Soul Food Dinner.

Your faithfulness each year has proven what *can* happen when a community comes together in *unity* to make things happen. "*Everything working together for good*" was more than obvious because we came together during a time when the world is facing economic hardships.

I have seen it happen in all our recent events here in Romulus: Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Day; the annual Pumpkin Festival; the National Day of Prayer; the Good Friday Walk organized by the Romulus Ministerial Alliance in remembrance of our *risen* Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; the Daddy/Daughter Sweetest Day Dance and Mother/Son Valentine's Day Dance; the Jones Sub Day; the many fund-raisers held for a new Romulus Animal Shelter; the various programs organized by the Romulus Red Hat Society (a local senior-citizen group) and the Romulus Civic League; and our school sports events.

Special thanks go out to our local businesses: Romulus Marketplace, Uncle Joe's

Market, and Old Country Buffet. Special thanks also go to Mr. and Mrs. James and Diane Poet, who facilitated the use of Progressive Hall, and to Mr. Henry James and the Romulus High School Jazz Band, who *always* show up to support (and provide *awesome* dinner music for) the Soul Food Dinner! Additional thanks to all of the participating singers and dancers (Ministry in Motion), and to our beautiful Mistress of Ceremonies, Mrs. Cheryle Buckley, and her supportive husband, Mr. Ronald Buckley, who introduced his lovely wife with a wonderful story of love!

More thanks go out to Mrs. Dawn Bonam and Mrs. Phyllis Adkins, Romulus Middle School Principal, as well as to the American Progressive Association, the Romulus Civic League, the Romulus Ministerial Alliance, local churches, Come-Unity (a new organization here to make a difference under the wonderful leadership of Ms. Jasmine Noble), and of course to all our wonderful school board members and state and city officials – especially Mayor Alan Lambert – who are *faithful* every year!

Again, I cannot say thanks enough! Your love was felt and *very appreciated*.

Respectfully and humbly submitted,
Reverend Rita K. Talley □

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Guest Commentaries

Nominee Questions Taylor Council's Decision

By Tim Witz, business owner and former City Council candidate

During the Taylor City Council meeting held on March 16, nominations were made to fill, by appointment, the seat recently vacated by Herman "Butch" Ramik. A total of three nominations were made. Two of the three nominees ran unsuccessful Council campaigns in the fall of 2009. Rick Sollars and I finished eighth and ninth, respectively, in the seven-seat field, with just 36 votes being the differential between us.

It was shown that, because of newly passed legislation, my appointment would save the cost of City-supplied health benefits, so Mr. Sollars and I were both questioned on this point. Mr. Sollars stated that he would now forgo these same benefits that he, as a former Councilman, had voted and accepted for himself. I stated that I would do the job of Councilman for free. It was immediately pointed out, by State Representative Doug Geiss, that for me to do so would be against the law. Councilman John E. Delo stated that he would be willing to pay more for an experienced, qualified candidate – Mr. Sollars – as opposed to an untried, unqualified candidate – me. I pointed out that my ability to run a multi-million-dollar business for 20 years certainly should qualify me for the position.

The Council, dominated by a loyal majority of the past administration, voted to affirm the nomination of their former team member, Rick Sollars. In spite of the fact that he had been twice rejected by Taylor voters in the past five years, Mr. Sollars was appointed to the Council for the second time. The continued lockstep vote of the current majority of the Council was defended by several members as merely being made because Mr. Sollars was next in line (eighth) in votes last November. However, no one could explain how his first

appointment came when he held the same ninth slot that I now hold.

No matter how it reeks with inconsistencies and cronyism, the appointment of Rick Sollars without health care was a good one. What smells in Taylor is also what stinks in Washington. A seed of arrogance begins in towns like Taylor, where some elected officials feel that any prior experience in government, even a financially failing government, has greater value than the experience of a successful private-sector entrepreneur. This condescension blossoms in Washington, where our legislators exempt themselves from laws and programs they shackle us to, while endowing themselves with enormous lifetime compensations.

This was never the intent of our Founding Fathers. Service in our government, by our legislators, was meant to be a short-term sacrifice, not a lifetime means for personal gain. Where have we gone so wrong that we can allow our legislators to pass laws making it illegal for citizens who earn their living in the private sector to donate their time, abilities, and services to help run their cash-strapped communities? Have we forgotten the men who founded and sacrificed for this great country without compensation? Or, the promising young President who said, in 1961, "[A]sk not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country?"

If there ever was a law that needs to be abolished, this law prohibiting volunteer legislators is one. We, the people, made this the greatest government on Earth – a government of the people. But, our government has corrupted itself through greed, apathy, ignorance, and indifference, and has become a government of, by, and for the government. If corrections are not made soon, sadly but surely, it shall perish from the Earth. □

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Group Seeks Recall of Five on Taylor Council

By Sheila Gorski-Schulte, spokesperson for the Coalition for Taylor Recall

Hiring an attorney at \$185 an hour for six months, using taxpayers' money, to sue Mayor Jeffrey Lamarand to keep their council secretary

- Technology had already replaced the need for a full-time secretary to meet the needs of part-time elected Council members.
- Council members can answer their own phone calls, use email, read mail, and conduct research.
- Section 4.14 of the Taylor Charter states that "department heads shall hire the necessary employees for their department." The council secretary position is not necessary.
- The financial crisis in our country warrants everyone doing more with less, including our Council members, who are not "elite" above the people of this fine city who are giving much during this difficult time.
- The annual budget for the City Council cannot fund a council secretary position. Eliminating the council secretary position would save the city \$55,000 plus the cost of benefits annually.

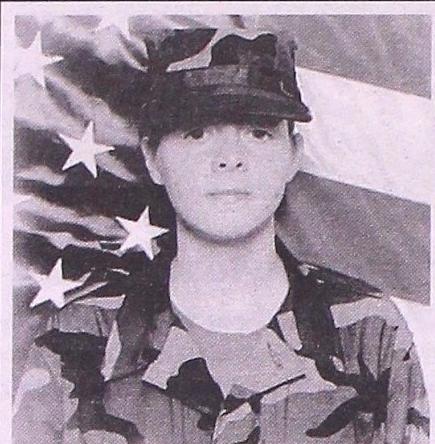
Usurping the historical power of the Mayor, as chief administrative officer, to hire and fire

- In 2008, the legal question as to whether the Mayor has the exclusive right to hire and fire was answered by former corporation counsel, Edward Plato. It was determined that the Mayor does have the exclusive right to hire and fire.
- These Council-members chose to ignore this decision, and brought a legal suit against Mayor Lamarand to reinstate the council secretary.
- During the previous administration, the Mayor's right to hire and fire was not challenged, so why now and for what reason?
- When Mr. Plato, as corporation counsel, refused to render any decision as he previously did in 2008 and to turn over City documents, Mayor Lamarand released him and sought to retain a more cost-effective firm – but these same Council members would not approve a new corporation counsel at a rate of \$90 an hour, which could have saved the City \$200, 000 annually in legal fees.
- These Council members never provided sound reasons as to why they would not approve Mayor Lamarand's highly qualified choice. We question their reasoning: Why keep someone who refused to perform his job?

To learn more about our recall effort, visit our Web site – www.taylorrecall.com – or call us at 313-515-3217. □

Voters in November will have the opportunity to vote "yes" or "no" to recall Council members Molner, Delo, Stapleton, and Weycker. It is our belief that these Council members have put their own personal needs above the residents. The following are reasons to recall these Council members:

Taylor FOP Sponsors McGeogh Scholarship



Army Specialist Holly McGeogh

The Taylor Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #123 has announced that, for the seventh straight year, it is sponsoring a college scholarship for students from Truman and Kennedy high schools. Altogether, the Taylor FOP has given local students \$10,000 in scholarship money since 2004.

The FOP named its award the Holly McGeogh Memorial Scholarship in honor of Army Specialist Holly McGeogh, a 2002 Truman High School graduate who was killed in a bomb blast in the war in Iraq in January 2004. McGeogh, who was 19 years old, was planning to attend college when she returned home from the Army.

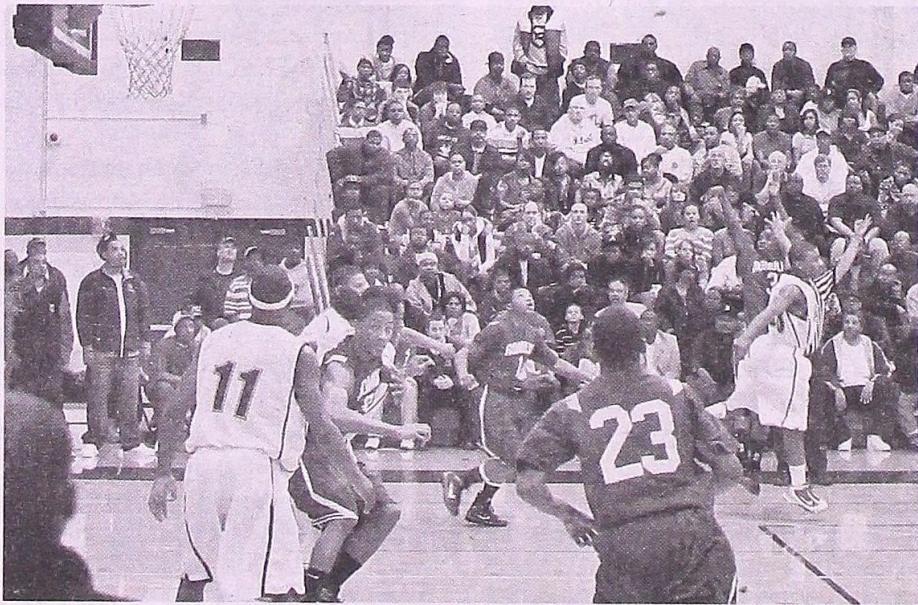
This year, the FOP is planning to award two \$1,000 scholarships, one going to a graduate from each Taylor high school. Taylor high school seniors who will be attending an accredited college or university beginning in the 2010–11 school year are

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Inkster Eliminates Romulus at Districts



At this year's MHSAA District playoffs, Romulus High School's varsity boys basketball team – led by Coach Nate Oats – defeated John Glenn and Belleville to advance to the final, but fell short of a title after an 82–73 loss to the Inkster Vikings. The final was played at Wayne Memorial on March 12.

eligible for the scholarship.

Those who wish to be considered for a scholarship must obtain an application from their high school counselor or from the Taylor Police Department. Students will also be required to submit at least two letters of recommendation from a teacher, counselor, or member of law enforcement; a certified copy of their high school transcript; and a 500-word essay highlighting their educational and career goals.

The scholarship application deadline is **Saturday, May 22, 2010**. The application packet must be submitted to Mary Sclabassi, Taylor Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #123, 23515 Goddard Road, Taylor, MI 48180.

Anyone interested in contributing to The Holly McGeogh Memorial Scholarship can send a check, payable to the Taylor Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #123, to the attention of Mary Sclabassi at the address above. Please indicate that the check is a donation for the scholarship fund.

For more information, call Detective Lieutenant Sclabassi at 734-374-1531.

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Donors of \$25 or more will be recognized in a "book of friends."

Romulus "Dog Days" Gave Discounts to Pet Owners, Aided Animal Shelter

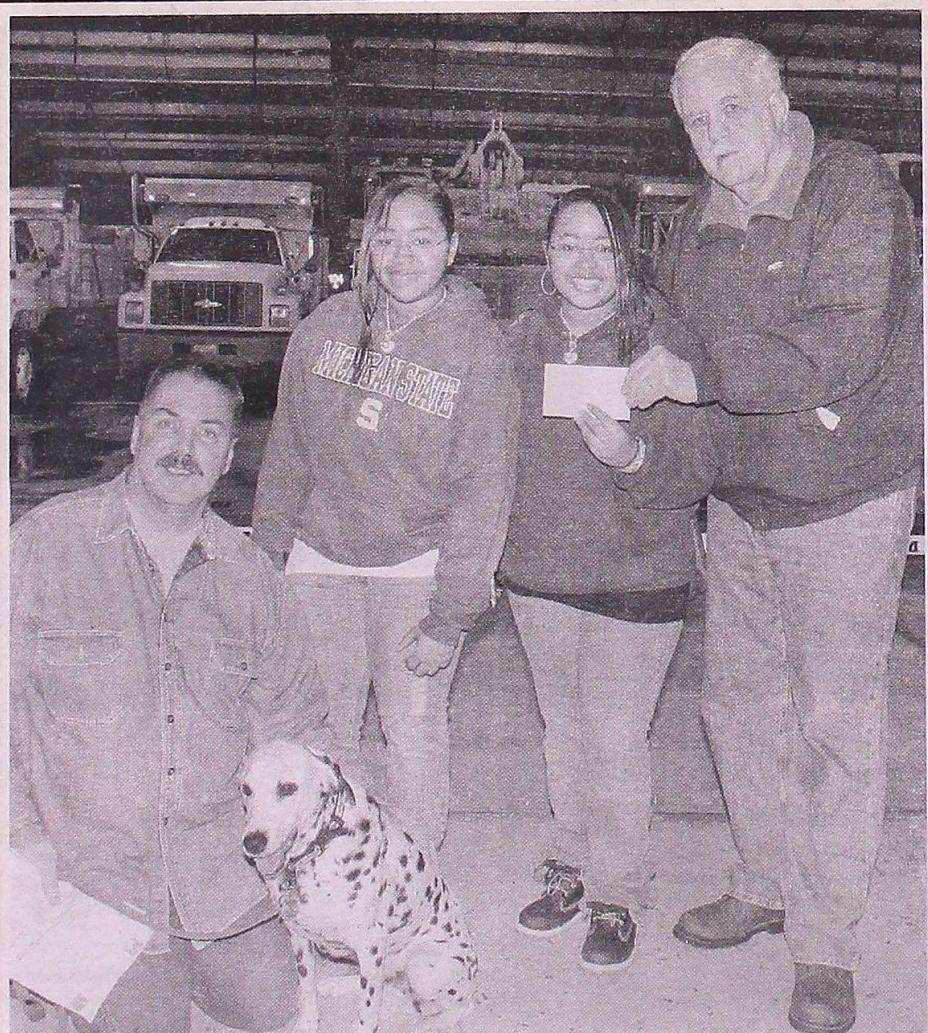
The annual Dog Days program offered by the City of Romulus on February 27 was a win-win hit, with pet owners receiving discounts on licenses, inoculations, and services at the same time that money was being raised for the Friends of the New Romulus Animal Shelter Fund.

Councilman Bill Wadsworth, who has spearheaded the fund-raising campaign for a new animal shelter, expressed his gratitude to everyone who contributed to the Dog Days program's success.

"First and foremost, I'd like to thank

Dr. John Herman, veterinarian, who donated his day's proceeds — more than \$800 — to the shelter fund," Wadsworth said. "He has been a longtime friend of our cause and given us thousands of dollars over the years."

Wadsworth also thanked Fluff 'n' Puff owner Robin Modrzynski and Bow-Wow Bed 'n' Biscuits owner Chris Colvard, who donated proceeds from their \$5 "petcures," and City Treasurer Stacy Paige and Deputy Treasurer Tracy Leininger, who donated and raffled off two enormous baskets of pet goodies to benefit the shelter. □



(From right) On behalf of the Friends of the New Romulus Animal Shelter Fund, Romulus City Councilman Bill Wadsworth accepted a \$50 donation from sisters Tierra and Tamara Garrison during the City's annual Dog Days program. Among those looking on with approval was "Dottie," who was rescued from the current shelter's inadequate facilities years ago by Romulus Fire Chief David Allison.

Powers Is New Director of Taylor Library

Theresa Powers, whose library services career started 16 years ago in Taylor, has been appointed director of the Taylor Community Library. She was director of the Lincoln Park Library before being chosen for her new post.

Powers succeeds Linda Baum, who retired. In fact, this is the third assignment in which Powers has followed Baum.

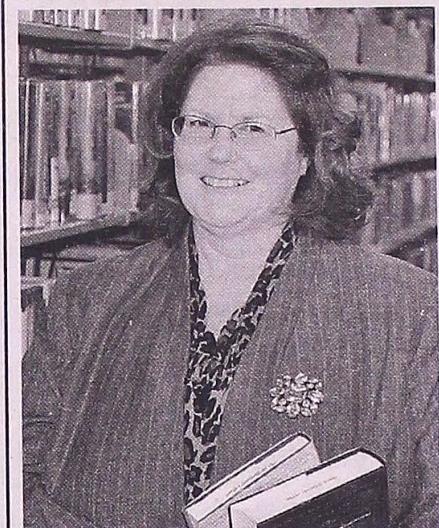
From 1994 to 1999, Powers served as a library assistant in Taylor. After earning her master's degree in library and information science at Wayne State University, she was appointed children's librarian.

In 2000, Powers was named assistant director of the Trenton Library, succeeding Baum. In 2005, she was appointed director of the Lincoln Park Library, again succeeding Baum, who left to come to Taylor.

"I've been following Linda's footsteps my entire career and you might say they are very large footsteps," Powers said of her predecessor.

The Taylor Library has a larger staff, provides more computers, and is open more hours than the Lincoln Park Library, said Powers, whose first pressing need was to finalize the library budget. Another of her duties will be to learn about Taylor's library patrons, which will guide her in ordering books and other materials.

"It's always a challenge learning the needs of the community," said Powers. "Some communities place an emphasis on different things, whether it's travel, home



Theresa Powers

improvement, biographies, or religion. Fiction is strong in every library."

She also places an emphasis on taking care of her customers.

"Patron service takes precedence above anything else," Powers explained. "It's important that patrons see a friendly face when they come in, and that they leave with what they came for, whether it's a specific piece of information or entertainment."

The Taylor Community Library, located at 12303 Pardee Road, is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. For more information, call 734-287-4840. □

Easter Programs Feature Egg Hunts, Treats

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For further information, please visit www.rosecranspictureperfect.com, or call 734-282-5163 or 734-771-7202.

Trenton and Westland

The Wayne County Parks and Recreation Department will host free Marshmallow Drops on Friday, April 2, at Elizabeth Park in Trenton (9 a.m.) and the Hines Park Nankin Mills Area in Westland (11 a.m.).

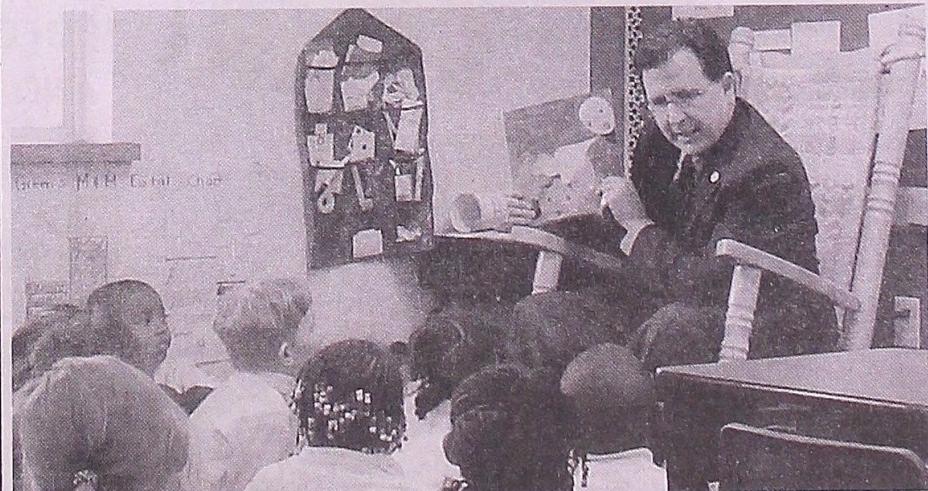
Arrive early to allow time for parking, etc.

A blizzard of 20,000 marshmallows will tumble from the Easter Bunny's helicopter down to eager children waiting below, who can collect and redeem them for a prize.

No preregistration is required.

For information on these or other recreation programs sponsored by Wayne County Parks, call 734-261-1990, or visit www.waynecountyparks.org. □

Geiss Reads to Quest Academy Students



Jamie Green's first-graders at Quest Academy in Taylor enjoyed having State Representative Doug Geiss (D-Taylor) read them Toni Morrison's *Little Cloud And Lady Wind* on March 12 in celebration of National Reading Month.

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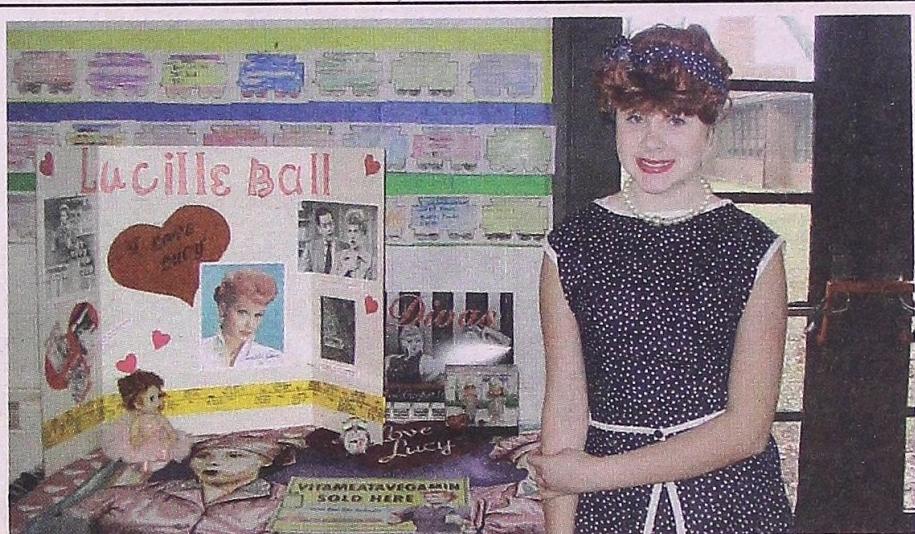
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This & That



Sixth-grader Sydney Allen portrayed the great comic actress, Lucille Ball, in a "Living Wax Museum" at St. Alfred Catholic School in Taylor. The program was part of the school's annual heritage celebration. (See more photos on page 8.)

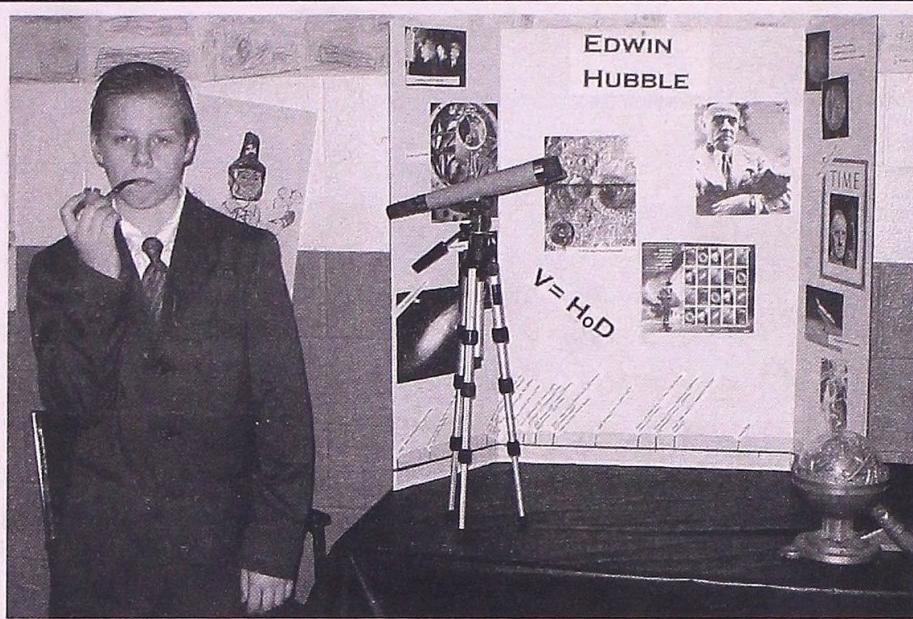


(From left) For her senior project, Romulus High School student LeAnne Dawson organized and presented an art exhibit March 5–6 that raised more than \$900 for the RHS Art Department. Among those in attendance were actor Jason Carter of *Babylon 5* fame and Taylor artist Donna Neuman. Photo by R. E. Kadau

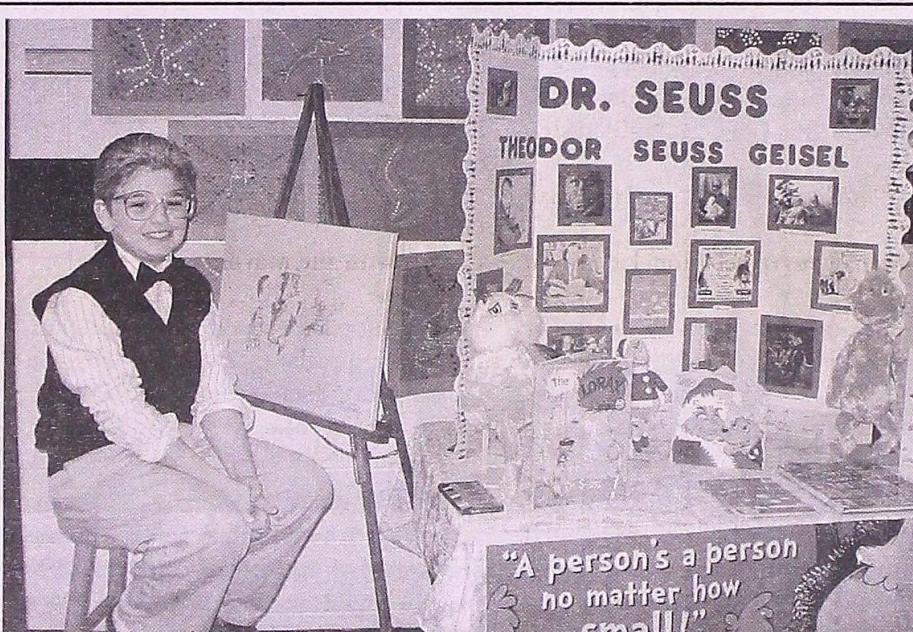


The 11th annual Silent Auction, Wine Tasting, and Dinner – a fund-raiser for the Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce – was held at the Crowne Plaza on March 12. Among the 100+ items up for bids were sports tickets, electronics, and artwork. Photo by R. E. Kadau

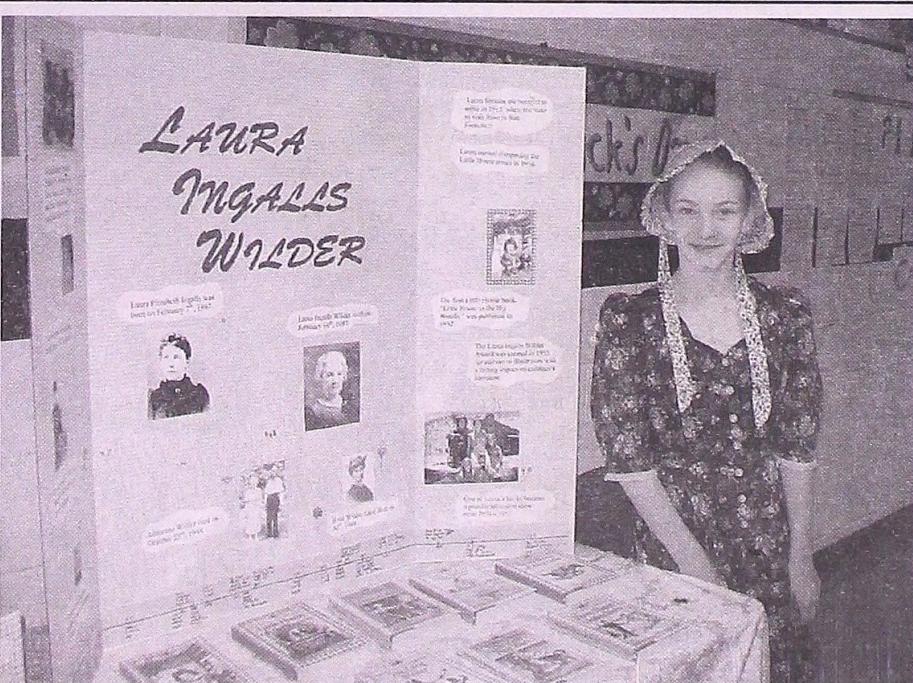
Living Wax Museum



Sixth-grader William Shollenberger posed as astronomer Edwin Hubble for St. Alfred Catholic School's Living Wax Museum.



Portraying author Theodor Seuss Geisel – aka Dr. Seuss – was sixth-grader Shaun McLaughlin.



Renee Odom, another sixth-grader, was dressed as Laura Ingalls Wilder, author of books such as *Little House on the Prairie*.

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Early Bird Drawing Dates for advance ticket sales:
April 9, 2010 and April 23, 2010 at 11:30 am in the Parish Office.

Early Bird Winners receive \$100.

*If 600 tickets are not sold, the drawing will revert to a 50/50 raffle with a minimum prize of \$15,000 awarded. Need not be present to win. License number: C24818.

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Raffle Tickets and “Putting on the Ritz” Dinner Tickets are on sale at the St. Alfred Parish office (9500 Banner, Taylor, MI 48180).
For more information, call 313-291-6464.

Community Calendar

To place information in our next issue's Community Calendar, mail it to *the little paper* at P.O. Box 74038, Romulus, MI 48174-0038; FAX it to 734-992-2052; or e-mail it to thelittlepaper@comcast.net no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, April 2.

Belleville

Isom Memorial To Host Fish Fry

Catfish, spaghetti, cole slaw, and desserts will be on the bill of fare for the annual fish fry hosted by Isom Memorial CME Church (23612 Sumpter Road) on Friday, April 2, from noon to 5 p.m.

Suggested donation for dinners is \$8 per person or \$5 for sandwiches. Delivery service available.

For information, call 734-461-2200.

Huron Township

Flea Market at St. Paul's Church

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (19109 Craig Street) is inviting the public to attend its upcoming flea market, to be held in the church activity building on the following dates/times:

- Thursday, April 22, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.,
- Friday, April 23, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., and
- Saturday, April 24, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Although the entire event will offer real deals for bargain shoppers, those with an especially thrifty streak will want to come in on Saturday for extra "Bag Day" savings.

Call the church office (734-753-9048) for information.

Romulus

All-You-Can-Eat Fish Fry

St. Aloysius Catholic Church (37200 Neville Street) will hold its final all-you-can-eat Lenten fish fry on Friday, March 26, from 4:30 to 7 p.m.

Dinner includes your choice of baked or fried fish, macaroni & cheese, seasoned potatoes or French fries, green beans, cole slaw, dinner roll, dessert, and beverage.

The recommended donation is \$8 for adults, and \$4 for children 4 to 10. Children 3 and under eat free (with adult purchase). Three-piece carry-out dinners are \$8 each.

For information, call 734-941-5056.

"Legacy Five" in Concert

Tickets may still be available for the "Legacy Five" concert to be held at Romulus High School (9650 Wayne Road) on Friday, March 26, at 7 p.m. The program is presented by Bethany Bible Church (Belleville).

Tickets are \$12 in advance or \$14 at the door.

For information, call 734-697-7456 or visit www.bethanybiblechurch.com.

Spring Story Time

Children ages 3 to 8 are welcome to participate in the Romulus Public Library's Spring Story Time program, which will feature songs and crafts as well as storytelling.

Parents may choose from two sessions, each of which will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the library (11121 Wayne Road):

- Tuesdays, March 30 through May 4,
- Thursdays, April 1 through May 6.

Although the program is free, preregistration is required.

For information, call 734-942-7589.

Free Tax Preparation Service

The Romulus Senior Center (36525 Bibbins Street) is offering a free tax-preparation service for residents with low incomes and those who are age 60 and older.

Volunteers trained by the IRS will be available *by appointment only* from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesdays through April 14.

Participants should bring all of the following (relevant) documents: last year's tax returns; forms W-2, SSA-1099, and 1099-R; statements of 401 income and unemployment compensation; child-care expense information; forms indicating income tax paid; and receipts/canceled checks (if itemizing deductions).

Call 734-955-4120 for information.

Easter Dance and "Flashlight" Egg Hunt

An Easter Dance for youths in grades six through eight will feature a an egg hunt with a twist: the need for a flashlight!

The event – presented by the Department of Parks and Recreation – will be held at Romulus Middle School on Thursday, April 1, with dancing from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., followed by the egg hunt at 8:45 p.m.

Advance tickets (\$4 each) will be available at the Recreation Office (35765 Northline Road) weekdays from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For information, or to volunteer to help with this event, call 734-941-8665.

PATH Luncheon/Workshop

The Romulus Senior Center (36525 Bibbins Street) will host a PATH luncheon/workshop on Wednesday, April 7, at a time to be announced. PATH is designed to give people with chronic health conditions the skills and tools they need to improve their health and manage their symptoms.

Although there is no charge to attend this event, advance sign-up is required.

For information, call 734-955-4120.

Hypnotherapy for Weight-loss

One-day hypnotherapy sessions for weight reduction will be held at the Romulus Senior Center (36525 Bibbins Street) at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 10, and Saturday, June 19.

Cost is \$25 for both residents and non-residents. Preregister by April 8 and June 17, respectively.

For information, contact the City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation at 734-941-8665.

Roast Beef Dinner Benefits Charities

Community United Methodist Church (11160 Olive Street) will hold its next Roast Beef Dinner fund-raiser on Saturday, April 10, from 5 to 7 p.m.

Roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, corn, salad, dinner roll, dessert, and beverage will be available for a suggested donation of \$8 for adults and \$4 for children over five. Dine in or carry out!

For information, call 734-941-0736.

Second Monday Book Club

Meetings of the Second Monday Book Club – open to everyone 18 and older – are held at the Romulus Public Library (11121 Wayne Road) from 7 to 8:15 p.m. Advance registration is not required for this free program; just read the suggested book, then drop in for discussion and refreshments.

Books planned for future discussion include:

- *The Wailing Wind* by Tony Hillerman (April 12),
- *Darker Than Night* by Tom Henderson (May 10), and
- *One Thousand White Women: The Journals of May Dodd* by Jim Fergus (June 14).

For information, call 734-942-7589.

Children's Crafts at the Library

Youngsters are invited to make their parents homemade gifts from the heart at these one-day craft programs, which will be held at the Romulus Public Library (11121 Wayne Road) at 10:30 a.m.

- *Mother's Day* (Saturday, May 8), and
- *Father's Day* (Friday, June 18).

Although the programs are free, pre-registration is required.

For information, call 734-942-7589.

Volunteers Sought for Clean Sweep

Operation Clean Sweep – an annual volunteer cleanup program presented by the City of Romulus – will be held on Saturday, May 15. Participants are invited to meet at the Veterans Memorial (in front of City Hall) at 9 a.m. to pick up assignments, rubbish bags, and gloves, or just spend part of the day cleaning up areas in and around their own neighborhood.

For information, call Mayor Alan Lambert's office: 734-942-7571.

Taylor

Children's Craft Sampler

Children ages 7 to 12 will enjoy making a bird house and other spring crafts at a Craft Sampler to be held on Thursday, April 8, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Highlights of the event will also include a mini Easter egg hunt and a pizza-and-pop lunch.

Cost is \$18 per child. Preregister at the Parks and Recreation Office (22805 Goddard Road). Space is limited!

For information, call 734-374-3906.

Scrapbooking Party

Bring photos and supplies to work on your book while sharing ideas with other scrapping enthusiasts. The party – which will also feature a sale of Creative Memories products – will be held at the Recreation Center (22805 Goddard Road) on Saturday, April 10, from 12 to 7 p.m.

A cost of \$15 per person will cover pizza, pop, and snacks, as well as a raffle ticket for a basket of scrapbooking items. Preregistration is required. For information, call 734-374-3906.

Scrapbook Cover Workshop

Bring your scrapbook and a yard of fabric (your choice of pattern), and learn how to personalize your scrapbook's cover. The workshop will be held at the Taylor Recreation Center (22805 Goddard Road) on Thursday, May 6, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Cost is \$7. Preregistration is required. Call 734-374-3906 for information.

Coffees with the Mayor

Mayor Jeffrey P. Lamarand is inviting constituents to take part in his "Coffee with the Mayor" program – a series of monthly meetings, held in an informal setting, that give residents a chance to learn more about the Mayor's plans, ask him questions, and express their concerns.

Upcoming dates/sites include:

- April 13 – Isis Coney Island (26866 Eureka Road);
- May 11 – Little Daddy's (22250 Eureka Road);
- June 8 – Leon's Family Dining (8787 Telegraph Road);
- July 13 – Las Huastecas Mexican Restaurant (9411 Telegraph Road);
- August 10 – Flamingo Restaurant (22201 Ecorse Road);
- September 14 – Taylor's Kitchen (7874 Telegraph Road); and
- October 12 – LaHacienda (20355 Van Born Road).

Note that all coffees begin at 6 p.m.

For information, call Mayor Lamarand's Office: 734-374-1450.

Elsewhere

Kennedy To Hold Coffee

State Representative Deb Kennedy will host her next coffee hour at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, April 12, at the Flat Rock Family Cafe (27517 Telegraph Road, Flat Rock). The programs allow Kennedy's constituents to share their concerns and ideas in a relaxed, informal setting.

For information, call Kennedy toll-free at 866-725-2929 or send her an e-mail at DebKennedy@house.mi.gov. □

PSCU To Grant \$10,000 in Scholarships

Public Service Credit Union has announced that 10 students, who are also PSCU members, will each be awarded a \$1,000 educational scholarship in 2010. These scholarships are available to any student of any age who wishes to pursue his/her education at the post-secondary level.

Applications are now available at every Public Service Credit Union branch and online at www.PSCUnow.com. Completed applications must be returned to the PSCU administrative office (7665 Merriman Road, Romulus) by April 30, 2010.

According to Dean Trudeau, president and CEO of PSCU, a committee will review

the applications and choose winners based on academic record, volunteer service, recommendations, and a personal essay. Applicants do not need to be high school seniors; nontraditional students pursuing higher-education goals are also welcome to apply.

"Past applicants demonstrated a strong commitment to educational goals, and also demonstrated strength of character and a commitment to community, all values that credit unions advocate," Trudeau said. "We expect this year will be no different."

Winners of the PSCU scholarships will be notified in mid-May, and a celebration in their honor will be held later that month.

Mechanic Helps Disabled Vietnam Vet



(From left) When Romulus resident Dennis Angel, a disabled Vietnam veteran cared for by his daughter, needed service on the family's only vehicle, Jake Kardys came to the rescue! The owner of Jake's Auto & Truck Repair in Romulus donated parts and labor to get the car back on the road.

Gordon Wins Breakfast Poster Contest



Daniqua Gordon (center), a student at Cory Elementary School, holds the prize she won in a poster contest that encouraged students to think about the importance of eating a good breakfast. Her entry has been submitted to the regional office of the sponsoring company, Chartwell, to compete against other entries from across Michigan, Ohio, and Indiana. If selected as a regional winner, Gordon's poster will be forwarded to the national competition. Pictured with Gordon are Gayle Milspaugh (left), physical-education teacher at Cory, and Kathleen Norred, Food Service director for Romulus Community Schools.

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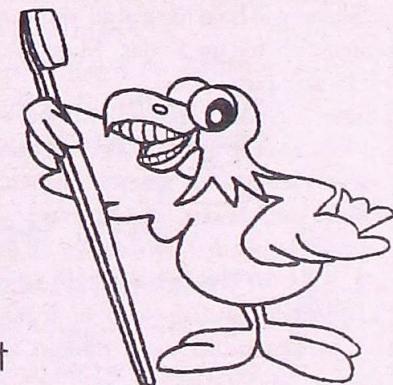
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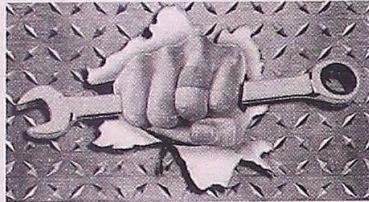
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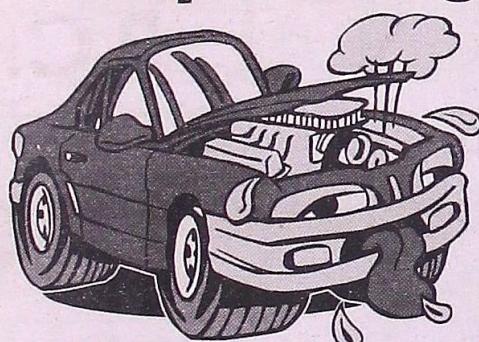
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Hailey Celeste Romak



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Ryan and Jessica Romak of Huron

Township, Michigan, are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Hailey Celeste Romak.

Hailey was born in Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital at 10:33 p.m. on Friday, February 19, 2010. She weighed 8 lbs., 4 oz., and measured 20 in.

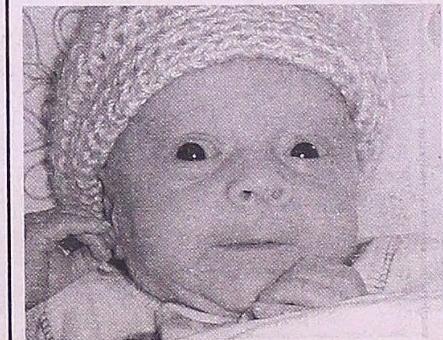
Among those giving the new arrival a warm and loving welcome into the family were her paternal grandparents, Ted and Debbie Romak, and her maternal grandparents, Brent and Sharon Nieman (all of Romulus, MI).

Nicholas Vogel

Proudly announcing the birth of their son, Nicholas Vogel, are Josh and Jenny Vogel of Newport, Michigan.

Nicholas was born in University of Michigan Hospital (Ann Arbor, MI) at 6:47 a.m. on Sunday, December 20, 2009, weighing just 2 lbs., 1 oz., and measuring 15.5 in. When he got to go home on February 15, 2010, he was up to 4 lbs., 3 oz.

Among those giving Nicholas a warm welcome into the family were his paternal grandfather, Kenneth Vogel (Lansing, MI); his maternal grandparents, Randy and JoAnn Prater (Romulus, MI); his Uncle Kooch and A.J. (Romulus); his Uncle Chad, Aunt Stacey, and cousin JuJu Man (Lansing);



Nicholas Vogel

and his Uncle Erik, Jenny, and cousin Adrianna (Lansing). His paternal grandmother is the late Sheri Vogel. □

Obituaries

Douglas Harden

Douglas Harden of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on March 12, 2010, at the age of 78.

The U.S. Marine Corps veteran of the Korean Conflict worked for Ford Motor Company until his retirement.

Surviving Doug are 3 sons, Kevin (Yong) Harden, Mark (Valerie) Harden, and Carl Harden; a stepson, Jim (Sandy) Maveal; a daughter, Cindy Hurban; a stepdaughter, Debra (Robert) Wells; 17 grandchildren;

4 great-grandchildren; and 2 sisters, Mary Hoke and Anna Mae (Leonard) Bell.

His parents, Douglas Sr. and Agnes (Archibald) Harden, and his wife, Betty Jean Harden, preceded him in passing.

A funeral service was held at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus) on March 15. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock). Memorial contributions may be made to Romulus Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9568.

Jessie Marie Tooley

Jessie Marie Tooley of Belleville, Michigan, passed away on March 10, 2010, at the age of 80.

The daughter of the late William Henry and Virginia May Chamberlain was born in Detroit, Michigan, on April 23, 1929.

Jessie graduated from Romulus High School in 1949. She was a member of the September Days seniors club (Belleville), and enjoyed monthly dinners and bingo with the seniors at Romulus Wesleyan Church.

Surviving Jessie are 2 brothers, Robert (Grace) Chamberlain (Belleville) and James Chamberlain (Cass City, MI); 2 nephews,

William (Lynn) Chamberlain (Belleville) and Steven (Tracy) Chamberlain (Ypsilanti, MI); and 2 nieces, Judy (Jack) Brennan (Romulus, MI) and Ella (David) Jones (East Pittsburgh, PA). Her husband, Walter Tooley, preceded her in passing in 1983.

A funeral service was held at David C. Brown Funeral Home (Belleville) on March 13, with Pastor Roger Wright officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock). Memorial contributions may be made to Romulus Wesleyan Church.

Visit www.davidcbrownfh.com to sign the online guest book. □

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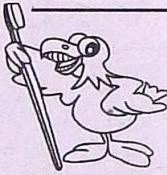
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